

**From:** [Tulis, Dana](#)  
**To:** [Stanton, Larry](#)  
**Subject:** Re: News From Inside the Beltway  
**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:58:51 PM

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Yes, have a nice weekend. I guess I should tell Barry I will be flexing next week.

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**From:** Stanton, Larry  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:56:02 PM  
**To:** Tulis, Dana  
**Subject:** Re: News From Inside the Beltway  
No worries.

Are you working tomorrow?

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**From:** Tulis, Dana  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:03:53 PM  
**To:** Stanton, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: News From Inside the Beltway  
[Yes, he was in the email that I sent you also, just forward it to him and apologize, no problem.](#)

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**From:** Stanton, Larry  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:51 PM  
**To:** Tulis, Dana  
**Subject:** Re: News From Inside the Beltway  
[Was he at our meeting in Philly?](#)

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**From:** Tulis, Dana  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:42:57 PM  
**To:** Stanton, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: News From Inside the Beltway  
[Rick Karl is missing.](#)

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**From:** Stanton, Larry  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:45 PM  
**To:** Owens, James T.; Mugdan, Walter; Hodgkiss, Kathy; Hill, Franklin; Edlund, Carl; Tapia, Cecilia; Hestmark, Martin; Manzanilla, Enrique; Albright, Rick  
**Cc:** Tulis, Dana  
**Subject:** News From Inside the Beltway

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

We Removal people are off to an interesting start - the Elk River Spill has afforded the opportunity to learn new lessons, and even a chance to re-learn some old ones! More on that when we get together. In the meantime, hats off to Kathy and her team - info from the region on what is happening in West Virginia has been solid and timely, and we seem to have found a good balance in our support to the State. We are looking forward to the calm AFTER the event, and a chance to assess how things went.

We've made progress on many fronts, and we will need to confer again in the not-too-distant future. I am really looking forward to that, too. The last time we all got together, well, it was the best day I've ever had at EPA. So, "looking forward" is a bit of an understatement...

One thing I did want to let you know about directly - something that should not come to you

via the grapevine. For the last couple of months, I have been out on sick leave. The first three weeks, I was just out. Since then, about the first week in December, I've been working from home.

Fortunately, I am blessed with the greatest Deputy OD in the world, and I was able to focus on getting better while Dana made the trains run on time. So, if you've noticed OEM is suddenly more efficient than it used to be, there's your answer!

On the up side, I am now just about recovered, and will be coming back to the office beginning Tuesday. I am still very focused on getting out to the regions, and hope to resume that effort in February.

So that's the news from DC, and I do hope everyone is off to a good 2014. Please don't hesitate to call or write if there is anything I can do to assist you in any way.

Best regards -

Larry

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**From:** Tulis, Dana

**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:20 PM

**To:** Stanton, Larry

**Subject:** RE: please send an email to the Regional SF DD's about being sick

James Owens, Walter Mugdan, Kathy Hodgkiss, Franklin Hill, Rick Carl, Carl Edlund, Cecilia Tapia, Martin Hestmark, Enrique Manzanilla, Rick Albright

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**From:** Stanton, Larry

**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:19 PM

**To:** Tulis, Dana

**Subject:** RE: please send an email to the Regional SF DD's about being sick  
do we have a list?

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**From:** Tulis, Dana

**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:18 PM

**To:** Stanton, Larry

**Subject:** please send an email to the Regional SF DD's about being sick

Wish them Happy New Year, thanks.

Dana S. Tulis

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